

1 [Resolution urging regulation of the left-turn lane from Fell Street onto Masonic Avenue in
2 order to increase the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians]

3 **Resolutions urging the Municipal Transportation Agency create a traffic signal phase**
4 **solely for bicycle and pedestrian traffic crossing Masonic Avenue and a separate left-**
5 **turn signal for motorists turning left from Fell Street onto Masonic Avenue.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Transit-First Policy of Section 16.102 of the San Francisco City
8 Charter requires that “[d]ecisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space
9 shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit,
10 and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety” and that “[b]icycling
11 shall be promoted by encouraging safe streets for riding;” and,

12 WHEREAS, The Panhandle Pathway is a multi-use trail used by thousands of bicyclists
13 and pedestrians daily; and,

14 WHEREAS, As the Panhandle Pathway crosses Masonic Street automobiles in the
15 narrow and fast-moving left-hand lane on Fell Street turn directly into the bicyclists’ and
16 pedestrians’ right-of-way; and,

17 WHEREAS, Motorists making this left turn as bicyclists and pedestrians cross often
18 cannot see them; and,

19 WHEREAS, As a result, collisions and near-collisions between bicyclists, pedestrians,
20 and motorists occur regularly; and,

21 WHEREAS, Signal timing changes and other modifications implemented by the
22 Municipal Transportation Agency’s Department of Parking and Traffic in March of 2005
23 improved the safety of the intersection but have not fully solved the safety problem; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In response to a recent rash of crashes, volunteer crossing guards are
2 patrolling the intersection to ensure pedestrians and bicyclists cross safely; now, therefore, be
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4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal
5 Transportation Agency to regulate the movement of traffic at Masonic and Fell Streets by
6 providing for a dedicated traffic signal phase crossing Masonic for bicyclists and pedestrians
7 using the Panhandle Pathway and establishing a left-turn signal for motorists on Fell seeking
8 to turn left onto Masonic.

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